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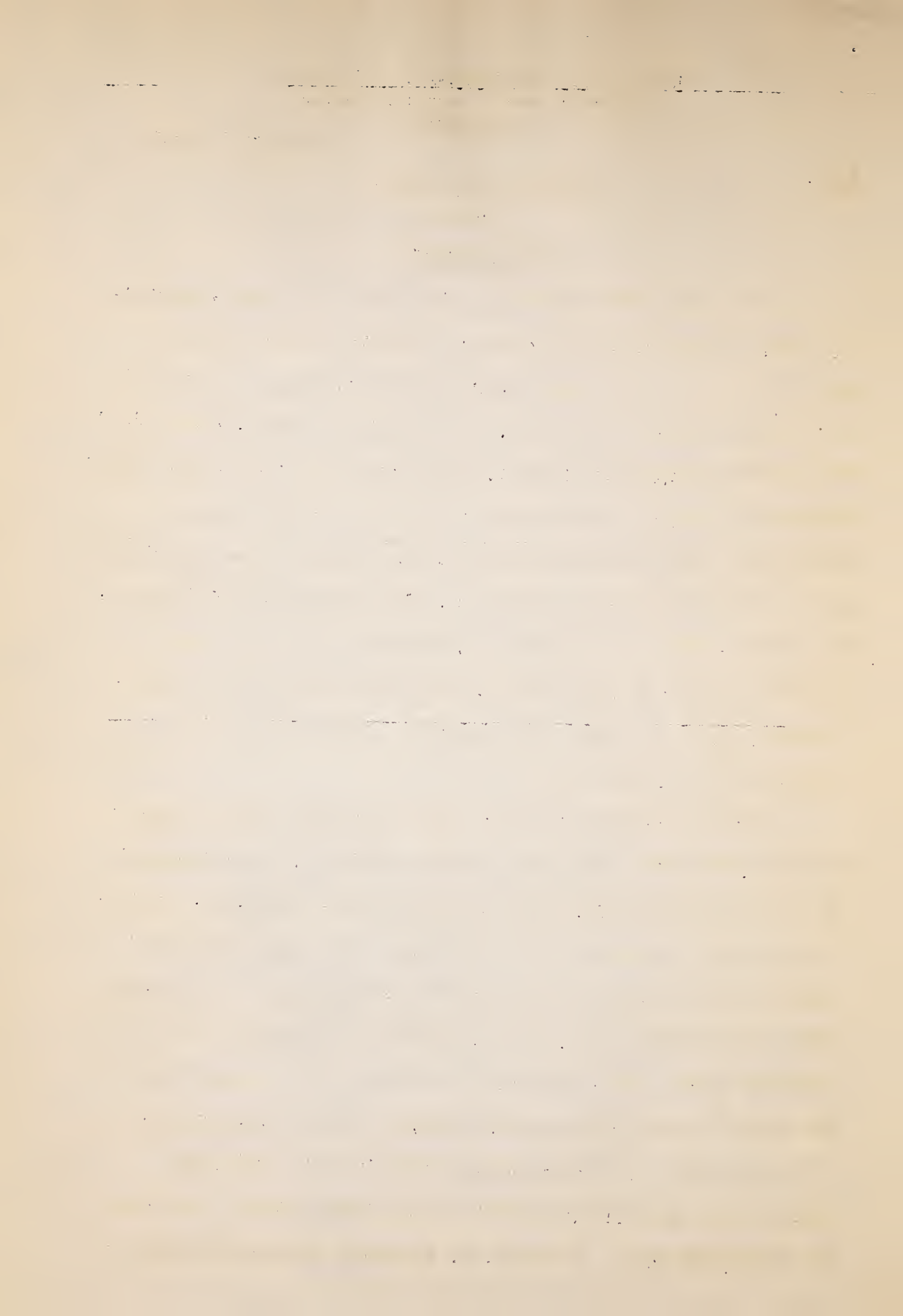
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FOREIGN NEWS ON RICE

RICE PROSPECTS

Indications still point to a large world rice crop, exclusive of China. Production in 10 countries reporting for the whole or part of their crop, and which last year produced 33 per cent of the world total exclusive of China, is now estimated at 20,273,000 short tons against 20,446,000 in 1924, a decrease of only 1 per cent. That decrease is the result primarily of a decline of 28 per cent in production in the Philippine Islands, from 1,283,000 short tons last year to 918,166 short tons for 1925. It is probable that in India, the world's largest rice producer, production will be the same or slightly larger than the 34,720,000 short tons produced last year. Figures on India are due about January 15. All of the figures quoted refer to cleaned rice.

In the 13 countries so far reporting for the whole or part of their territory, rice areas, including India, are now estimated at a total of 118,730,000 acres for 1925 against 118,509,000 acres for last year, an increase of 0.2 per cent. The only important countries not included are China and the Philippines. The acreage under rice in India this year is estimated at 78,149,000 acres, according to the second estimate dated December 20, compared with the second estimate last year of 77,763,000 acres, or an increase of 0.5 per cent. The first estimate this year was 73,334,000 compared with 73,144,000 in 1924 while the final estimate for 1924 was 80,575,000 acres. In Burma, the principal exporting province,



the season has been good as a whole and there is every prospect of a good crop. In Bengal, the largest rice producing province, conditions in November were favorable for winter paddy reaping and spring sowing.

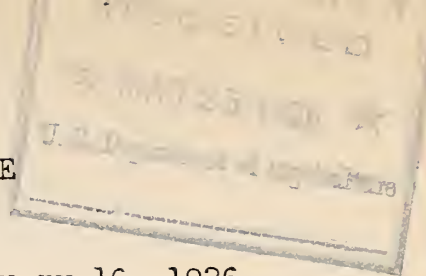
Detailed figures of acreage and production are given below, including revisions of estimates published in the issue of November 23:

RICE: Acreage and production in countries reported to December 29, 1925.

Country	Acreage		Production	
	1924	1925	1924	1925
	Acres	Acres	Short tons	Short tons
United States	849,000	904,000	461,792	471,653
Bulgaria	9,701	12,572	6,619	6,458
Italy	339,763	346,000	402,008	421,873
Spain	116,046		201,105	
Yugoslavia	5,700	3,700	1,358	
Egypt <u>a/</u>	231,100	91,100	193,018	
India <u>b/</u>	77,763,000	78,149,000		
Japan	7,701,109	7,739,737	8,980,356	9,350,177
Chosen (Korea)	3,861,600	3,663,400	2,050,238	2,334,706
Taiwan (Formosa)	1,310,200	1,357,038	<u>c/</u> 468,095	<u>c/</u> 434,121
Indo-China:				
Annam	2,224,000	2,285,800	748,484	586,744
Cambodia <u>d/</u>	19,800	17,300	10,954	6,463
Laos	1,112,000	1,136,700	403,265	
Tonking <u>e/</u>	1,210,800	1,136,700	427,318	430,040
Cochin China	4,497,400	4,620,900	1,532,000	1,349,000
Siam <u>f/</u>	8,215,000	8,234,000		
Philippines	4,294,376		1,283,054	913,166
Java and Madura	8,358,075	8,233,700	3,727,586	3,661,197
Ceylon	803,100	800,000	288,000	303,000
Total area 13 countries <u>g/</u>				
production 10 countries <u>h/</u>	118,509,000	118,730,000	20,446,000	20,273,000
Percentage increase or decrease		Increase 0.2		Decrease 01.0
Estimated world production 1924 excl. China			62,800,000	

a/ Summer or main crop. b/ Second forecast. Final estimate of area last year 80,575,000 acres and production 34,720,000 short tons. c/ First crop only. d/ Dry season crop only. e/ Crop for first six months. f/ Area planted in 7 principal exporting circles. Total area harvested in Siam in 1924 was 6,416,000 acres and production 3,367,000 short tons. g/ Spain and the Philippines excluded. h/ Spain, Yugoslavia, Egypt, India and Siam excluded.

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FOREIGN RICE PROSPECTS UNCHANGED

Recent reports on rice production in Spain, Mexico and the second crop in Formosa, received in the Department of Agriculture, do not materially change prospects that the world crop, exclusive of China, will be about the same or possibly slightly larger than in 1924.

The acreage in 15 countries reporting for the whole or part of their territory, including Spain and Mexico, is now estimated at 118,911,000 acres in 1925 compared with 118,679,000 acres in 1924 or an increase of 0.2 per cent. Production for 12 countries so far reported for the whole or part of their crops, including Spain, Mexico and the second crop in Formosa, is estimated at 21,099,000 short tons compared with 21,157,000 short tons in 1924 or a decrease of 0.3 per cent.

India with an increase over last year of about 400,000 acres in the rice area indicated by the second forecast, may add enough to total production to raise it a little above last year. The condition of the Indian rice crop is on the whole, fair to good.

Rice production in Spain this year is estimated at 208,194 short tons or an increase of 3.5 per cent over 1924 and 38.9 over the five year average 1909-13. In Formosa, the total crop this year is estimated at 972,888 short tons compared with 954,520 last year, an increase of 1.9 per cent, and an increase of 18.2 per cent over the average for the five preceding years.

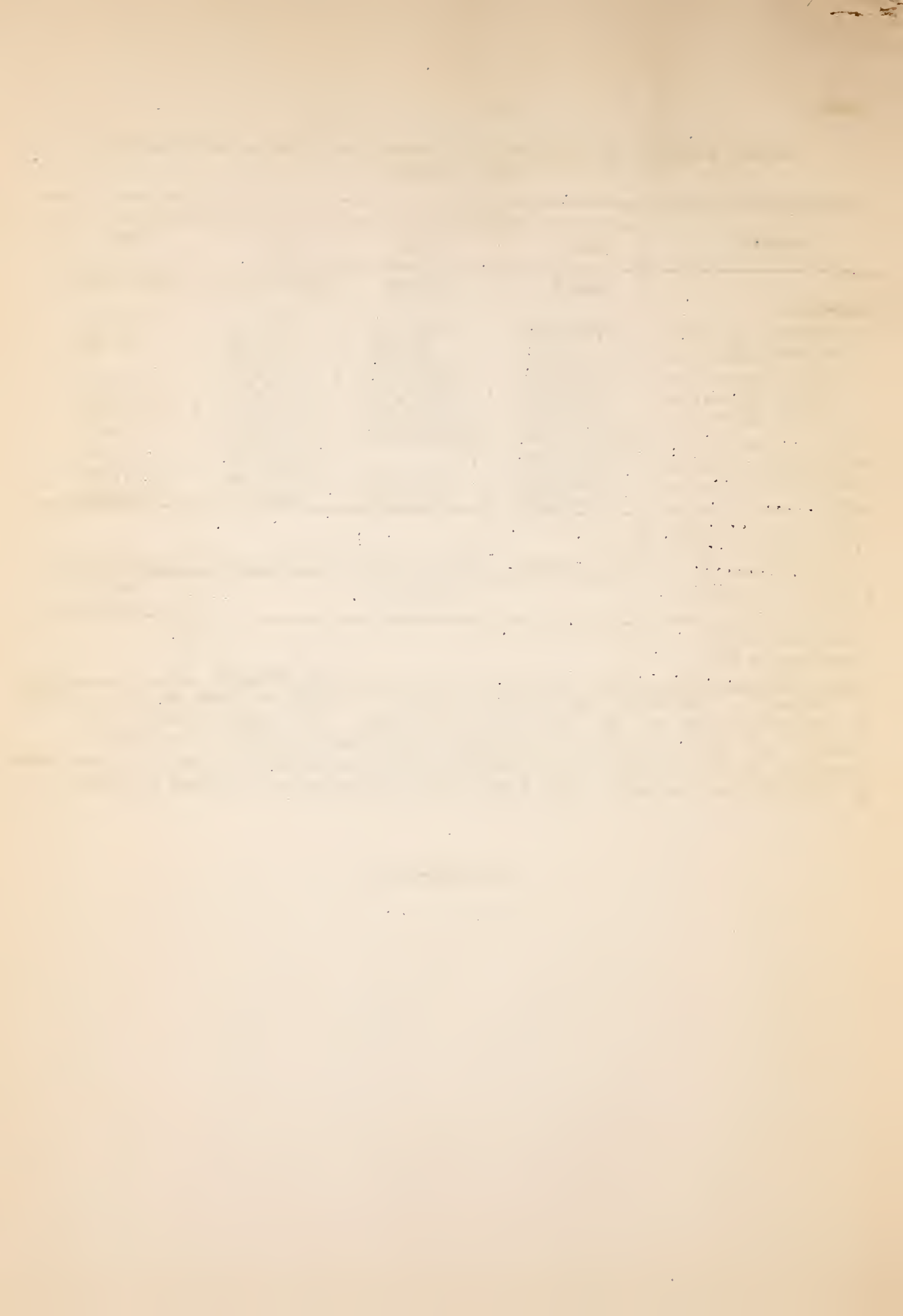
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Country	Acreage		Production	
	1924	1925	1924	1925
	Acres	Acres	Short tons	Short tons
United States.....	849,000	904,000	461,792	471,653
Mexico	54,100	63,000	22,414	15,636
Bulgaria	9,701	12,572	6,619	7,275
Italy	339,763	346,000	402,068	421,873
Spain	116,046	120,300	201,105	208,194
Yugoslavia	3,700	3,700	1,358	
Egypt <u>a/</u>	231,100	91,100	193,018	
India	77,763,000	78,149,000 <u>b/</u>	34,720,000	
Japan	7,701,109	7,733,737	8,980,356	9,350,177
Chosen (Korea)	3,861,600	3,663,400	2,050,238	2,334,706
Taiwan (Formosa)...	1,310,200	1,354,200	954,520	972,888

RICE: Acreage and production in countries reported to January 14, 1926, Cont'd.

Country	Acreage		Production	
	1924	1925	1924	1925
	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Short tons</u>	<u>Short tons</u>
Indo-China:				
Annam.....	2,224,000	2,285,800	748,484	649,142
Cambodia <u>c</u> /.....	19,800	17,300	10,954	6,463
Laos	1,112,000	1,136,700	408,265	
Tonking <u>d</u> /.....	1,210,800	1,136,700	427,318	430,040
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Philippines	4,294,376		1,283,054	918,166
Java and Madura.....	8,358,075	8,233,700	3,787,586	3,661,197
Ceylon	803,100	800,000	288,000	303,000
Total area 15 countries <u>f</u> / production				
12 countries <u>g</u> /.....	118,679,000	118,911,000	21,157,000	21,099,000
Percentage increase or decrease.....		Increase 0.2		Decrease 0.3
Estimated world production 1924				
excl. China.....			62,800,000	

a/ Summer or main crop. b/ Second forecast. Final estimate of area in 1924 was 80,575,000 acres. c/ Dry season crop only. d/ Crop for first six months. e/ Area planted in 7 principal exporting circles. Total area harvested in Siam in 1924 was 6,416,000 acres and production was as given above. f/ Philippines excluded. g/ India, Siam, Yugoslavia and Egypt excluded.



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POOR RICE CROP IN CHINA

Rice production in China for the year 1925 was probably considerably below normal according to reports received in the Department of Agriculture from Consular officers stationed in the principal rice producing provinces, i. e. Kiangsu, Hunan, Hupeh, Anhwei, Kiangsi, and Szechwan, reported to produce approximately two thirds of the Chinese rice crop. A normal crop in China is said to be in the neighborhood of 30,000,000 short tons of cleaned rice. The 1924 crop was reported as larger than that of 1923, which was estimated by a prominent Chinese authority at about 25,000,000 short tons.

Rice production in the Nanking consular district is reported as below normal by Vice Consul Burke. In a number of localities the rice harvest was only 10 per cent of that of normal years. The Nanking Consular district includes the whole of the province of Anhwei and part of the province of Kiangsu. These provinces, together with Hunan, produce normally in the neighborhood of 40 per cent of the rice crop of China. A long period of drought in Hunan province has resulted in a rice famine, the rich rice producing area of the Siang River reporting only a 50 per cent crop while other parts of the province report almost negligible returns. In Kiangsi the crop is reported as 40 per cent of normal, the exporting of rice from this province being prohibited, whereas last year there was a heavy export to other Chinese provinces.

PLANS FOR EXPANSION OF CHOSEN RICE PRODUCTION

Proposed Japanese development activities in Chosen for the next twelve years include increasing the area devoted to rice by about 850,000 acres, according to Consul General Miller at Seoul, in a report received in the Department of Agriculture. This development, together with improvements contemplated for present rice areas, is expected to make possible the exportation to Japan of approximately 1,570,000 short tons of rice annually. Exports to Japan in 1924 amounted to about 723,000 short tons. The increase, if realized, will go a long way towards supplying Japanese rice import requirements.

Rice areas in Chosen have been reported for 1924 at 3,663,000 acres, of which only about 1,000,000 were adequately watered. With the increase contemplated the total area will be about 4,500,000 acres. Production on the new and old lands is expected to reach

nearly 3,600,000 short tons compared with the 2,335,000 short tons reported for 1925 and 2,050,000 short tons in 1924. Since the expected increase would seem too large for the stipulated new acreage, the increased production is taken to allow for increased yields on old lands through the application of additional water and fertilizer under the improvement scheme. The development project involves the utilization of half of the present waste land thought to be potentially productive; lands devoted to other crops or lands now only partially watered and thought capable of higher production through proper irrigation and fertilization.

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INDIAN RICE PRODUCTION PROBABLY SMALLER IN 1925

Preliminary forecasts of rice production in the Indian provinces and states which last year produced approximately 75 per cent of the crop in India indicate a reduction for those districts of about 5 per cent in the crop for 1925, according to information received in the Department of Agriculture. Production is estimated at 24,815,000 short tons of cleaned rice compared with 26,004,000 short tons in the same districts in 1924. The total production in India for 1924 was 34,720,000 short tons compared with 31,582,000 in 1923 and an average of 34,667,000 for the five preceding years. The final estimate of area and production in 1925 is due in February. Previous reports of a slight increase in acreage together with generally favorable growing conditions have pointed to a 1925 crop as large as or larger than in 1924.

In Burma, the principal exporting province, the crop is reported at 5,434,000 short tons compared with 5,507,000 the preceding year, according to the first production estimate. Of this crop the surplus available for export is reported as approximately 3,000,000 short tons compared with 2,629,000 last year at the same time.

The acreage in 15 countries reporting to date, including the second estimate for India, is now estimated at 118,911,000 acres as compared with 118,948,000 for 1924, or a decrease of .04 per cent.

Production in 13 countries, including those provinces and states in India which last year supplied about 75 per cent of the Indian crop,

is now estimated at 45,914,000 short tons compared with 47,161,000 in 1924 or a decrease of 3 per cent. The world production exclusive of China in 1924 previously has been estimated at 62,800,000 short tons. The Chinese crop this year is estimated to be below normal as previously reported.

INDIA SECOND ESTIMATE OF AREA AND FORECAST OF PRODUCTION
IN CERTAIN PROVINCES.

Province	Area		Production	
	1924	1925	1924	1925
	acres	acres	Short tons	Short tons
Bengal <u>a/</u>	20,446	20,655	2,704	9,000
Bihar & Orissa <u>a/</u>	14,646	14,256	6,747	5,466
Madras.....	9,615	9,610	<u>b/</u>	<u>b/</u>
Burma.....	11,873	11,974	5,507	5,434
United Provinces <u>a/</u> in- cluding Rampur State....	7,103	7,425	<u>b/</u>	<u>b/</u>
Central Provinces and Berah (including Indian States).....	<u>c/</u> 6,247	6,158	1,679	1,933
Assam <u>a/</u>	<u>c/</u> 4,183	4,122	1,628	1,599
Bombay (including Sind and Indian States).....	<u>c/</u> 3,408	3,216	1,739	1,383
Hyderabad.....	348	562	<u>b/</u>	<u>b/</u>
Baroda.....	163	171	<u>b/</u>	<u>b/</u>
Second estimate area which covers about 96 per cent of total rice area.....	<u>c/</u> 78,032	78,149		
Production in 6 prov- inces and states which PRODUCED 75 PER CENT of crop in 1924.....			26,004	24,815
Increase or decrease from 1924. Per cent		† 1		- 5
Total area and pro- duction.....	80,575		34,720	

a/ Includes autumn and winter rice (principal crop). b/ Not available.
c/ Revised.

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RICE CROP OF INDIA SLIGHTLY BELOW 1924

The 1925 crop of rice in all of India is estimated at 34,000,000 short tons of cleaned rice compared with 34,720,000 tons produced in 1924, or a decrease of 2 per cent, according to a preliminary estimate received in the Department of Agriculture from the International Institute of Agriculture at Rome. The new crop is also about 2 per cent smaller than the average crop of 34,667,000 short tons produced in the five years preceding 1925. Previous estimates this year from India for six provinces producing about 75 per cent of the crop had indicated a 5 per cent decrease compared with 1924.

Including the new estimate for India, rice production in 13 countries for which 1925 data are now available is estimated at 56,095,000 short tons compared with 57,079,000 tons for the same countries in 1924, or a reduction of about 2 per cent. World production exclusive of China in 1924, according to revised figures, was 63,200,000 short tons.

India's largest rice crop, one of 40,319,000 short tons of cleaned rice, was produced in 1917. Recent large crops were those of 1921 and 1922, amounting to 37,139,000 and 37,762,000 tons, respectively. Production in 1923 reached only 31,582,000 tons.

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RICE CROP PROSPECTS

It is too early to give a definite indication of rice production for 1926 owing to lack of data on area planted, and weather conditions from most of the important rice growing countries. The outlook for most of those countries for which information is available is for a larger crop than last year.

Estimates from six countries or regions reporting give an area of 9,200,000 acres planted to rice in 1926 compared with 7,598,000 in 1925 or an increase of 21 per cent while production statistics for 4 countries indicate an increase of 18 per cent from 2,278,000 thousand pounds produced in 1925 to 2,697,000 thousand pounds in 1926. Statistics by countries are given in the table below. No data have yet been received from most of the important rice growing countries in Asia, i.e. India, Japan, Siam and others. For India, which produces about half of the world's rice exclusive of China, the first estimate of area is not due until October 20.

Reports on weather and crop conditions received so far are favorable with the exception of China. In India the rainfall has been heavy in Bengal where about 1/4 the Indian crop is grown and weather has been satisfactory for standing crops. During the first 10 days of June the rainfall had been insufficient in this province. The rainfall over inland districts of Java and Madura during May was normal or above normal while along the coast it varied between sub-normal and normal according to the Royal Observatory. In Annam, the second most important rice producing province of Indo-China, the crop for the first six months is estimated at 696,636 thousand pounds an increase of 60 per cent over the same period last year. In Egypt sowing of the summer or main crop was practically completed by the end of June although delayed in some localities owing to the increase in licensed areas. The growth of early sown crops was satisfactory.

In the Changsha and Hankow Consular District* of China where over a fourth of the Chinese crop is said to be grown prospects are not bright for a good rice crop. In Hunan Province the estimate of the crop has been reduced to 60 per cent of normal from 80 per cent on account of the worst flood ever experienced according to Vice Consul J. C. Vincent under date of July 19, 1926. This is an important surplus producing province. Kiangsi

* The Changsha Consular District includes the provinces of Hunan and Kweichow while the Hankow District includes the province of Honan south of the Yellow River and the whole of the provinces of Hupeh, Kiangsi, Shensi, Kansu, the Kokonor region and Sinkiang (Turkestan). Of these Hunan and Kiangsi are surplus rice producing provinces and Hupeh is also an important producing province.

which is said to furnish about 1/10 of the Chinese rice crop, also a surplus producing province is the only province in these consular districts with really good prospects of an excellent harvest, reports Consul J. C. Huston stationed at Hankow. In the Southern Hupeh area some of the districts are reporting a normal or 80 per cent crop while others report a 45 - 50 per cent crop. In Northern Hupeh and Southern Honan the rice outlook is very discouraging. Upland rice in South Manchuria has suffered severely from the drought and the crop this season will be a comparative failure according to Consul Sokobin under date of July 15, 1926.

According to latest revisions production for 1925 in seventeen countries, including all of the most important rice growing countries, is now estimated at 121,123,907 thousand pounds compared with 122,397,457 in 1924 or an increase of about 1 per cent. This increase is approximately the same as indicated in Foreign Crops and Markets for April 12, 1926. Statistics by countries are given in table 1 below.

TABLE 1 - RICE: Area and production as reported up to September 3.

Country	Area		
	1925	1926	Per cent 1926 is of 1925
	<u>1,000 acres</u>	<u>1,000 acres</u>	<u>Per cent</u>
United States	908	1,018	112.1
Italy	356	346	97.2
Bulgaria	13	12	92.3
Turkey	87	133	152.9
French Indo-China -			
Annam	<u>a/</u> 944	<u>a/</u> 1,107	117.2
Java and Madura	<u>b/</u> 5,290	<u>b/</u> 6,585	124.5
Total	7,598	9,200	121.1
	Production (Cleaned rice)		
	1925	1926	Per cent 1926 is of 1925
	<u>1,000 pounds</u>	<u>1,000 pounds</u>	<u>Per cent</u>
United States	951,638	1,126,194	118.3
Italy	873,130	857,344	98.2
Bulgaria	16,516	16,407	99.3
French Indo-China -			
Annam	<u>a/</u> 436,759	<u>a/</u> 696,636	159.5
Total	2,278,043	2,696,581	118.4
Approximate world total exclusive of			
China	126,000,000		

a/ Six months only. b/ Standing and harvested at May 31. Of this area only 3,520,000 acres had been harvested by May 31 compared with 5,277,000 last year at the same time. Production up to May 31, 3,808,020 thousand pounds compared with 6,020,280 thousand pounds up to the same date 1925. This year, however, only 29 per cent of the area planted up to this date had been harvested while last year 47 per cent had been harvested by May 31.

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RICE CROP PROSPECTS

Although it is still too early to give an accurate indication of world rice production compared with last year new estimates recently received from some countries and revised figures from others change somewhat the prospects as published in the Foreign Service release on rice under date of September 8, 1926.

Rice area in 7 countries is now estimated at 15,868,000 acres for 1926 or an increase of 9 per cent over 1925 while production is estimated at 4,466,751 thousand pounds for the 5 countries reporting up to date or an increase of 8 per cent over 1925.

The area under rice in Chosen is reported at 3,777,000 acres compared with 3,885,000 last year, a decrease of 13 per cent. In Formosa, the area under the first crop in 1926 is reported as 619,000 acres or an increase of 3 per cent over 1925. In Indo-China information has been received on area for the second crop in Annam and also for the crop in Tonkin so that the increase in area is not as large as it appeared when information was available for only the first crop in Annam.

The production estimate for the United States based on the September 1 estimate is 1,030,750 thousand pounds instead of 1,126,194 thousand pounds as estimated from the August 1 condition making the increase over 1925 only 15 per cent instead of 17 per cent. The revised estimate for Bulgaria shows an increase in the 1926 crop compared with 1925. In 2 provinces of Indo-China the increase over 1925 is now given as 20 per cent instead of 60 per cent (the increase in production of the first crop in Annam). The first crop in Taiwan (Formosa) is estimated at 927,831 thousand pounds, a decrease of 7 per cent compared with the same crop of 1925. The fall in production attributed to the fact that the rice grown from Japanese seed, which was very extensively planted, suffered severely from a disease of which the technical name is "bacteria parasippens cabara" reports the Board of Trade Journal of London for September 9, 1926.

In India which produces about half the world's rice exclusive of China and for which no estimate of area is due until October 20, monsoon rains have been general throughout the country with some damage to the rice crop in Burma reported as a result of floods. Previous to this more rain had been reported as needed for the rice crop in some parts of India.

Rice fields in Eastern Japan are reported to be damaged by the severe typhoon which swept over Tokyo recently and it is feared that the harvest will be seriously affected according to the Grain, Seed and Oil Reporter dated September 6, 1926.

In China which produces between a third or fourth of the world crop the summer or first crop in the Swatow Consular District while not as plentiful as last year has given a very satisfactory yield due to generally favorable weather. Reported production in several Districts vary from 60 per cent to 80 per cent of the estimated maximum yield. This crop last year was a record one yielding 98 per cent of a possible maximum. In the Foochow Consular District prospects during the June quarter were for a 100 per cent first rice crop, at least in the lowlands, though higher fields showed the lack of water. These two Districts include the Eastern part of Kwangtung province and almost the whole of Fukien, and are in the rice growing area but do not contain the most important producing provinces in China. No later information is available for the important Districts of Changsha and Hankow than that in the report from this Bureau dated September 8. Prospects in these Districts where about 1/4 of the Chinese crop is said to be grown were not generally bright at that time except in the province of Kiangsi where an excellent crop was expected.

Some harvesting had been done in Central and Southern Brazil during the first 10 days of August and a good yield was reported in Goyaz. The condition of the northern crop is said to be fair to good. Preparation for the next crop has started in the South and Center but not much interest is being taken in the cultivation of rice due to prevailing low prices.

RICE: Area and production up to September 23, 1926

Country	Area		Per cent 1926 is of 1925
	1925	1926	
	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	Per cent
Estimates unchanged since September 8, 1926 -			
United States	908	1,018	112.1
Italy	356	346	97.2
Bulgaria	13	12	92.3
Turkey	87	155	152.9
Java and Madura	a/ 5,290	a/ 6,585	124.5
Total unchanged estimates	6,654	8,094	121.6
Changes and new estimates - since September 8 -			
Chosen (Korea)	3,835	3,377	86.9
Taiwan (Formosa)	b/ 600	b/ 619	103.2
French Indo-China; Annam and Tonkin	3,449	3,778	109.5
Total, 8 countries	14,588	15,868	108.8

RICE: Area and production up to September 28, 1926, Cont'd

Country	Production		
	1925	1926	Per cent 1926 is of 1925
	<u>1,000 pounds</u>	<u>1,000 pounds</u>	<u>Per cent</u>
Estimates unchanged since September 8 -			
Italy	873,130	857,344	98.2
Total	873,130	857,344	98.2
Changes and new estimates since September 8 -			
United States	c/ 951,639	c/ 1,090,750	114.6
Bulgaria	16,516	17,403	105.4
French Indo-China; Annam and Tonkin	d/ 1,311,319	d/ 1,573,423	120.0
Taiwan (Formosa)	b/ 997,738	b/ 927,831	93.0
Total, 5 countries	4,150,342	4,466,751	107.6
Approximate world production exclusive of China	126,000,000		

a/ Standing and harvested at end of May. Of this area only 3,520,000 acres had been harvested by May 31, compared with 5,277,000 last year at the same time. Production up to May 31, 3,808,000 thousand pounds compared with 6,020,280 thousand pounds up to same date of 1925. This year, however, only 29 per cent of area planted up to this date had been harvested while last year 47 per cent had been harvested by May 31. b/ First crop. c/ Based on condition of September 1. d/ Tonkin and first crop in Annam.



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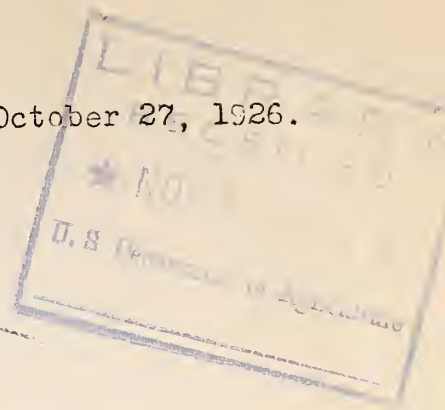
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SOME INCREASE IN RICE PRODUCTION

Rice production in 6 countries reporting up to October 20, including the new estimate for Japan and some changes in figures for other countries is now estimated at 23,003,833,000 pounds compared with 22,006,224,000 in 1925 or an increase of 0.4 per cent. These 6 countries produce approximately 18 per cent of the world's total production exclusive of China.

Rice production in Japan for 1926 is estimated at 13,500,000,000 pounds of cleaned rice, according to a cable from Assistant Commercial Attache H. A. Britts. This is a decrease of 1 per cent compared with the preceding year, although it is an increase of 2 per cent over the average amount produced in the five preceding years.

In India the monsoon is now regarded as having been sufficient, provided the weather continues favorable. Under date of September 15, it had been reported that more rain was needed for transplanting winter paddy and seedlings in parts of Bengal. Weather conditions in the Philippines continue favorable to the new crop.





Reports are promising for new crops in Indo China despite recent floods in rice areas, according to Vice Consul K. V. Gram stationed at Laigon, September 18. The export market is reported as dull owing to continued scarcity of paddy at the mills as a result of its retention up country by the farmers. In Siam harvesting does not begin until the latter part of the year. Condition of the new crop is apparently satisfactory, states Consul C. H. Albrecht of Bangkok under date of September 18. In Brazil cool weather in the central and southern rice growing zone proved beneficial to the crop. Harvesting is completed in these zones although still being carried on in north where results are average.

RICE: Production as reported up to October 20.

	Production (in terms of cleaned rice)		
	1925	1926	Per cent 1926 is of 1925
	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	Per cent
Now estimate			
Japan	18,755,332	18,500,000	98.6
Revised since Sept. 23			
United States	951,639	a/ 1,095,444	115.1
Italy	873,130	890,005	101.9
French Indo China	b/ 1,311,319	b/ 1,573,150	120.0
Unchanged since Sept. 23			
Bulgaria	16,516	17,403	105.4
Taiwan (Formosa)	c/ 397,733	c/ 327,831	83.0
<u>Total 6 countries</u>	<u>22,006,224</u>	<u>23,003,933</u>	<u>100.4</u>
Approximate world total			
exclusive of China ...	126,000,000		

a/ Estimate based on October 1 condition. b/ Tonkin and first crop in Annam. Total production in all Indo China in 1925 was 7,841,250,000 pounds of cleaned rice. c/ First crop.



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WORLD RICE PROSPECTS

It appears from estimates at hand to date on area and production of rice in various countries that the world crop will be about the same as last year, according to reports received in the Bureau of Agricultural Economics. Area in 10 countries, including India, which report on part or the whole of their crops is now estimated at 97,188,000 acres, compared with 96,642,000 in 1925 or an increase of 0.6 per cent. These countries contain almost 4/5 of the estimated area under rice in the world, exclusive of China. Production in 8 countries reporting for part or the whole of their crops, including new estimates for Java and Madura and Chosen, is now estimated at 35,772,623,000 pounds compared with 34,683,303,000 pounds in 1925 or an increase of 3.1 per cent. These countries ordinarily produce about 1/4 of the world total exclusive of China. The production estimate is not as yet available for India, which produces about half the world's total crop exclusive of China.

The first estimate of area under rice in India for 1926 based on reports furnished by provinces and states which comprise about 96 per cent of the total rice area is 75,093,000 acres compared with 74,334,000 acres in 1925 or a decrease of 1.7 per cent. Although no estimate of production is issued until December the present condition of the crop is reported to be fairly good, except in parts of West Bengal and Orissa where the outlook is poor owing to heavy floods. In Bengal, where 25.4 per cent of the total Indian crop was cultivated during the five years ending 1924-25, the area under autumn and winter rice this year shows a reduction of 6 per cent. The average outturn of autumn rice, however, is estimated at 74 per cent of normal compared with 71 per cent reported at the same time last year, and winter rice 87 per cent of normal compared with 86 per cent last year. In Burma, the chief exporting province, the area sown this year is 2 per cent above last year and a crop well above average was expected about the middle of October if late October rains were favorable.

Recent floods in Indo-China followed by very heavy rains adversely affected the production for October, according to a cable from Hanoi in Tonking under date of October 12 to the Bulletin des Halles of Paris. In certain districts it was thought that the crop could be saved, but now the crop for this month may be considered as a total loss. In order to alleviate the situation and avoid a famine the Governor General has issued a decree prohibiting shipments to countries other than Indo-China and the exportation of rice paddy (rough rice) and by-products during a period of three months.

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In Siam conditions remain favorable for the growing rice crop and reports of outturn of paddy are encouraging, according to Consul Charles Albrecht at Bangkok under date of October 16. In the Philippines the outlook for the rice harvest is reported as good. In Egypt growth is progressing under favorable weather conditions and with ample water supply the condition of the crop is satisfactory. There have been no changes reported in other countries since our report of October 27, 1926.

RICE: Area and production up to November 22

Country	Area		Per cent 1926 is of 1925
	1925	1926	
	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	Per cent
New estimates:			
India	<u>a/</u> 74,334	73,093	98.3
Japan	7,729	7,729	100.0
Revised since Sept. 28:			
French Indo-China:			
Annam and Tonking	3,450	3,761	109.0
Bulgaria	13	13	100.0
Chosen (Korea)	3,885	3,891	100.2
Unchanged since Sept. 28:			
United States	908	1,018	112.1
Italy	356	346	97.2
Turkey	87	133	152.9
Java and Madura	<u>b/</u> 5,290	<u>b/</u> 6,585	124.5
Taiwan (Formosa)	<u>c/</u> 590	<u>c/</u> 619	104.9
Total 10 countries	96,642	97,188	100.6
Approximate world total exclusive of China	133,000		

Country	Production (in terms of cleaned rice)		Per cent 1926 is of 1925
	1925	1926	
	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	Per cent
New estimates:			
Java and Madura	<u>d/</u> 7,157,630	7,641,144	106.8
Chosen (Korea)	4,641,051	4,900,076	105.6
Revised since Oct. 20:			
United States	951,639	1,133,583	119.1
Japan	18,755,882	18,689,679	99.6
Italy	856,528	890,005	103.9
Bulgaria	16,516	17,155	103.9
Unchanged since Oct. 20:			
French Indo-China	<u>e/</u> 1,311,319	<u>e/</u> 1,573,150	120.0
Taiwan (Formosa)	<u>c/</u> 997,738	<u>c/</u> 927,831	93.0
Total 8 countries	34,688,303	35,772,623	103.1
Approximate world total exclusive of China	126,000,000		

a/ First estimate of area. b/ Standing and harvested at end of May.

c/ First crop. d/ Irrigated and non-irrigated. e/ Annam and Tonking only.

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JAPAN'S 1926 RICE ESTIMATE REDUCED

Rice production in Japan for 1926 is now estimated at 17,845,556 thousand pounds of cleaned rice compared with 18,690,000 thousand pounds as given in the first estimate for this year. The crop is now 5 per cent below 1925, and also 1 per cent below the average amount of 18,107,000 thousand pounds produced in the five preceding years.

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